

Appendix C: Working Group Health Care Poll

Total poll responses (internet, Catholic Health Association, and paper) as of August 31, 2006 (14,165) Including:

- **Paper polls added to the CHCWG poll (n = 641).**
- **Catholic Health Association (CHA) posting of the CHCWG poll. These responses were forwarded to the CHCWG from CHA (n = 1,079).**
- **Responses submitted by members of the Communication Workers of America (CWA) to the CHCWG Internet Poll (n = 505).**

1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about health insurance coverage and public policy in the United States? By public policy, we mean a public goal set out in federal or state law.

It should be public policy (that is, a public goal set out in federal or state law) that all Americans have affordable health care insurance or other coverage.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	78.5%	77.8%	60.5%	89.7%
Agree	13.1%	17.5%	30.1%	6.5%
Neutral	2.0%	2.3%	4.3%	0.8%
Disagree	2.1%	0.6%	2.6%	0.4%
Strongly disagree	3.5%	0.6%	1.7%	1.4%
Not applicable/No response	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%

2. Which one of the following do you think is the MOST important reason to have health insurance?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
To pay for everyday medical expenses	34.5%	35.6%	35.3%	25.5%
To protect against high medical costs	61.0%	60.4%	61.7%	48.5%
No opinion	3.7%	2.2%	2.6%	25.4%
No response	0.9%	1.9%	0.4%	0.6%

3. Health insurance coverage can be organized in different ways. Which statement best describes your views on how health care coverage should be organized?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Provide coverage for particular groups of people (for example, employees, people who are elderly or cannot work because of disability, or people with very low incomes) as is the case now.	11.5%	12.0%	19.4%	5.15%
Provide coverage for everyone, for	84.5%	83.0%	75.1%	92.5%

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a defined level of benefits, (either by expanding the current system or by creating a new system).				
No opinion	2.9%	3.4%	4.5%	1.4%
No response	1.2%	1.6%	1.0%	1.0%

4. Some health insurance models are designed to provide "basic" or "essential" services. When you think about the different kinds of health care that people use, which of the following services do you believe need to be included in BASIC insurance coverage for you and your family? Check all that apply.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Annual Physicals & Preventive Care	93.5%	93.2%	95.9%	96.6%
Chiropractic Care	36.5%	32.6%	36.8%	52.7%
Community-based Care Services (for people with disabilities)	70.4%	67.9%	61.5%	75.3%
Complementary and Alternative Medicine (such as acupuncture)	36.1%	31.5%	24.6%	44.2%
Dental Care	81.7%	85.5%	82.7%	91.7%
Doctor's Office Visits	87.5%	85.2%	90.4%	94.3%
Elective Surgery (such as plastic surgery)	6.0%	11.7%	6.8%	12.7%
Emergency Room Visits	89.6%	84.7%	85.7%	95.5%
Family Planning	65.9%	64.1%	53.5%	66.3%
Hearing Aids	63.2%	58.5%	53.8%	75.6%
Home Health Care	70.6%	68.6%	66.4%	79.6%
Hospice and Other Palliative Care (pain management)	77.7%	72.0%	73.8%	83.0%
Hospital Stays (including surgery)	92.1%	88.9%	90.0%	94.7%
Imaging Tests (MRI, CAT, X-ray)	89.5%	83.9%	84.1%	93.9%
Lab Tests	92.5%	89.6%	91.8%	94.3%
Medical Equipment (such as wheelchairs, prosthetics)	73.5%	66.3%	66.2%	81.6%
Mental Health Care	81.2%	76.9%	79.2%	84.8%
Nursing Home Care	65.6%	61.0%	61.9%	78.6%
Outpatient Surgery	86.0%	81.9%	83.8%	91.5%
Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy	76.6%	68.6%	78.3%	84.8%
Prescription Drugs	90.7%	90.2%	91.1%	96.0%
Substance Abuse Treatment	61.7%	53.7%	58.9%	70.3%
Vision/Eye Care	79.2%	83.2%	77.4%	91.3%

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5. Who should decide what services are covered in “basic” health insurance?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Consumers	26.9%	15.5%	15.1%	51.5%
Employers	0.6%	0.5%	1.5%	0.4%
Government	3.5%	3.0%	1.9%	1.4%
Insurance Companies	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
Medical Providers	4.7%	2.5%	5.5%	3.0%
Some combination of the above	61.6%	75.5%	72.0%	42.2%
Not sure	1.6%	2.3%	3.1%	1.4%
No response	0.7%	0.8%	0.3%	0.2%

6a. People may have different views about what is most important to them and their families when it comes to getting health care. Which of the following would be MOST important to you and your family if you have an opportunity to choose health care coverage?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of my medical history and treatment information	4.0%	4.7%	3.6%	2.6%
Not having to deal with paperwork and bills	2.7%	2.5%	1.4%	3.0%
Keeping down the cost of my insurance premiums	23.2%	18.9%	21.2%	38.4%
Keeping down out-of-pocket costs for visits, drugs, or other supplies	23.2%	18.9%	33.1%	27.5%
Convenience and waiting times for appointments and services	1.6%	6.9%	5.6%	0.8%
Being able to get information about the quality of health care services I need in order to make informed decisions about care for my family and me	11.4%	1.6%	0.6%	8.1%
Being able to get information about the costs of health care services I need in order to make informed decisions about care for my family and me	6.1%	14.4%	12.7%	3.4%
Having health care providers who are respectful and communicate well	4.7%	4.2%	4.4%	1.6%
Being able to choose which hospital to go to	1.1%	2.5%	1.7%	0.8%
Being able to choose my own personal physician	17.0%	21.5%	13.1%	11.5%
Being able to choose my own medical specialist	4.1%	3.3%	2.4%	2.2%
No response	0.9%	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%

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6b. Which would be the NEXT MOST important?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of my medical history and treatment information	4.7%	4.8%	3.7%	2.6%
Not having to deal with paperwork and bills	4.7%	5.5%	1.4%	3.0%
Keeping down the cost of my insurance premiums	18.7%	16.5%	21.2%	38.4%
Keeping down out-of-pocket costs for visits, drugs, or other supplies	21.4%	15.3%	33.1%	27.5%
Convenience and waiting times for appointments and services	2.8%	6.6%	5.6%	0.8%
Being able to get information about the quality of health care services I need in order to make informed decisions about care for my family and me	9.0%	4.5%	0.6%	8.1%
Being able to get information about the costs of health care services I need in order to make informed decisions about care for my family and me	7.3%	10.4%	12.7%	3.4%
Having health care providers who are respectful and communicate well	5.9%	5.3%	4.4%	1.6%
Being able to choose which hospital to go to	4.1%	4.2%	1.7%	0.8%
Being able to choose my own personal physician	14.7%	15.6%	13.1%	11.5%
Being able to choose my own medical specialist	5.3%	8.1%	2.4%	2.2%
No response	1.5%	3.1%	0.2%	0.2%

7. One way or another, we all pay for the increasing costs of health care through increased insurance premiums, taxes, or consumer prices. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about paying for health care?

a. We should all be responsible for setting aside enough money to pay for most of our health care expenses.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	7.2%	6.2%	5.5%	4.8%
Agree	14.7%	18.1%	24.0%	5.4%
Neutral	14.6%	14.8%	21.1%	11.5%
Disagree	29.7%	30.1%	34.1%	20.0%
Strongly disagree	30.9%	25.7%	13.8%	56.8%
Not applicable/No response	2.8%	5.0%	1.5%	1.5%

b. We should all pay for part of our health care costs so we will be more careful about how we use health care

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	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	19.2%	21.7%	20.3%	4.2%
Agree	37.2%	39.5%	50.2%	20.2%
Neutral	12.2%	10.8%	9.8%	10.5%
Disagree	16.4%	13.1%	14.3%	43.6%
Strongly disagree	12.9%	11.7%	4.4%	20.2%
Not applicable/No response	2.1%	3.2%	0.9%	1.3%

c. People with health problems, who use more health services, should have to pay higher insurance premiums.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	5.3%	2.5%	6.1%	2.0%
Agree	11.0%	10.6%	14.7%	5.0%
Neutral	12.5%	15.0%	18.5%	5.7%
Disagree	34.9%	35.3%	41.5%	30.5%
Strongly disagree	34.0%	30.7%	17.9%	55.8%
Not applicable/No response	2.4%	5.8%	1.2%	1.0%

d. People with higher incomes should pay higher premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	15.0%	14.0%	8.1%	33.3%
Agree	21.7%	23.6%	18.2%	16.0%
Neutral	17.1%	17.3%	18.0%	15.5%
Disagree	27.1%	23.9%	40.4%	22.0%
Strongly disagree	16.1%	14.5%	13.9%	12.1%
Not applicable/No response	3.0%	7.9%	1.5%	1.2%

e. People with higher incomes should pay more for health insurance they buy for themselves from insurance companies.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	14.4%	12.6%	6.8%	34.1%
Agree	19.3%	21.8%	15.9%	15.7%
Neutral	17.9%	18.1%	20.1%	14.5%
Disagree	28.0%	24.6%	41.6%	22.0%
Strongly disagree	17.1%	14.5%	13.9%	12.1%
Not applicable/No response	3.3%	8.2%	1.7%	1.8%

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f. Everyone should pay the same amount for health insurance.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	19.8%	17.2%	14.5%	16.2%
Agree	18.6%	17.8%	26.7%	14.3%
Neutral	14.1%	14.3%	18.5%	11.7%
Disagree	27.1%	25.4%	29.2%	18.6%
Strongly disagree	17.1%	15.9%	9.7%	36.4%
Not applicable	3.2%	9.4%	1.5%	2.8%

8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about controlling the rising costs of health care in America?

a. Health plans/insurers should use financial incentives (such as higher payments) to hospitals and doctors that provide efficient, high-quality care.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	14.2%	10.0%	11.0%	13.3%
Agree	40.3%	30.1%	43.0%	51.9%
Neutral	17.8%	18.9%	19.2%	16.0%
Disagree	16.2%	23.1%	19.3%	8.7%
Strongly disagree	8.4%	10.6%	5.5%	6.5%
Not applicable	3.2%	6.5%	2.9%	3.6%

b. Health plans/insurers should not pay for high-cost technologies or treatments that have not been proven to be safe and medically effective.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	14.3%	14.0%	12.9%	6.5%
Agree	36.3%	43.1%	44.5%	23.8%
Neutral	23.7%	17.8%	20.1%	43.4%
Disagree	17.1%	15.3%	16.3%	15.3%
Strongly disagree	6.1%	6.6%	3.9%	4.4%
Not applicable	2.5%	3.3%	1.5%	6.6%

c. Health plans/insurers should not pay for high-cost technologies or treatments even if they have been proven to be safe and medically effective, if less expensive yet equally safe and medically effective technologies or treatments are available.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	13.3%	9.7%	11.0%	5.7%
Agree	36.9%	35.9%	41.6%	23.2%
Neutral	14.3%	11.5%	14.7%	28.7%
Disagree	20.7%	16.2%	22.8%	27.5%
Strongly disagree	11.7%	10.0%	8.4%	12.3%
Not applicable	3.0%	16.7%	1.4%	2.6%

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d. Health plans/insurers should use financial incentives (such as adjusting premiums and copayments) to encourage consumers to use more efficient and high-quality providers.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	13.5%	10.0%	12.2%	5.9%
Agree	41.6%	40.9%	52.9%	29.1%
Neutral	18.3%	17.6%	17.6%	32.5%
Disagree	15.7%	17.9%	12.6%	21.2%
Strongly disagree	7.9%	7.3%	3.2%	7.5%
Not applicable	3.0%	6.2%	1.5%	3.8%

e. Governments should set limits on prices for health care products, such as prescription drugs or medical devices.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	39.0%	33.9%	29.8%	37.4%
Agree	32.4%	34.5%	38.4%	45.0%
Neutral	9.2%	11.4%	11.9%	5.9%
Disagree	9.5%	11.9%	12.6%	5.5%
Strongly disagree	7.7%	5.2%	6.1%	3.6%
Not applicable	2.1%	3.2%	1.3%	2.6%

f. Governments should make it harder to qualify for enrollment in their programs that provide health coverage or health care services.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	3.4%	2.0%	5.3%	4.2%
Agree	5.0%	3.6%	9.6%	3.2%
Neutral	9.6%	8.9%	17.7%	6.9%
Disagree	31.0%	37.0%	38.6%	24.0%
Strongly disagree	46.6%	43.7%	25.5%	56.0%
Not applicable	4.4%	4.8%	3.2%	5.8%

g. Governments should improve the administration and efficiency of their health care programs.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	56.0%	50.4%	47.2%	41.0%
Agree	30.0%	36.0%	39.6%	29.5%
Neutral	7.4%	7.2%	7.7%	23.2%
Disagree	2.0%	1.7%	1.9%	2.2%
Strongly disagree	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%	0.6%
Not applicable	2.8%	4.9%	1.1%	3.6%

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h. The private sector should increase efforts to improve the efficiency of health care providers that are paid through private insurance.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	34.6%	28.9%	20.8%	49.5%
Agree	37.7%	40.1%	44.5%	32.3%
Neutral	15.8%	16.5%	25.4%	11.5%
Disagree	4.9%	5.0%	5.9%	3.0%
Strongly disagree	2.9%	3.1%	2.0%	1.4%
Not applicable	4.1%	6.4%	1.5%	2.4%

i. Doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers should invest more in computerized information systems to monitor and improve health care quality, reduce errors, and improve administrative efficiencies.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	32.7%	24.2%	20.8%	49.5%
Agree	38.0%	44.0%	44.5%	32.3%
Neutral	20.3%	18.6%	25.4%	11.5%
Disagree	4.3%	7.2%	5.9%	3.0%
Strongly disagree	1.8%	2.5%	2.0%	1.4%
Not applicable	2.8%	3.6%	1.5%	2.4%

9. How much MORE would you be willing to pay (taxes, premiums, copayments, or deductibles) in a year to support efforts that would result in every American having access to affordable, high quality health care coverage and services?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
\$0	12.8%	10.6%	17.0%	12.9%
\$1-\$99	17.1%	15.6%	26.2%	13.5%
\$100-\$299	21.3%	19.3%	20.7%	14.1%
\$300-\$999	16.9%	14.5%	11.1%	9.7%
\$1,000 or more	11.7%	12.8%	3.3%	4.2%
Don't know	18.9%	22.9%	21.0%	44.2%
No response	1.3%	4.2%	0.6%	1.6%

10. Considering the rising cost of health care, which of the following should be the MOST important priorities for public spending on health and health care in America? Choose up to 3.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Guaranteeing that there are enough health care providers, especially in inner cities and rural areas	24.1%	30.9%	21.3%	20.8%
Investing in public health programs to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the public during epidemics or disasters	49.7%	48.2%	54.6%	34.5%

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Guaranteeing that all Americans have health insurance	64.6%	63.5%	58.2%	82.4%
Funding the development of computerized health information to improve quality and efficiency of health care	11.4%	9.1%	10.8%	7.9%
Funding medical education to ensure that we have enough high quality medical professionals and health care workers	16.6%	19.8%	19.3%	14.1%
Funding programs that help eliminate problems in access to or quality of care for minorities	10.6%	10.3%	6.7%	5.5%
Funding biomedical and technological research	10.5%	8.6%	7.7%	9.7%
Guaranteeing that all Americans get health care when they need it, through some form of private or public program, including “safety net” programs for those who cannot afford care otherwise	69.8%	67.4%	76.3%	80.8%

11. Many people believe that fixing our health care system will require trade-offs by everyone (such as consumers, employers, government agencies, insurers, and providers). By trade-offs, we mean reducing or eliminating something to get more of something else. How much do you agree or disagree with the following possible trade-offs?

a. Accepting a significant waiting time for non-critical care to get a 10 percent reduction in health care costs.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	9.4%	21.5%	7.0%	3.0%
Agree	35.8%	39.3%	32.9%	21.6%
Neutral	16.1%	12.5%	20.5%	14.3%
Disagree	24.2%	12.5%	25.7%	20.8%
Strongly disagree	9.8%	8.6%	11.6%	8.9%
Not applicable	4.8%	5.0%	2.4%	31.5%

b. Paying a higher deductible in your insurance for more choice of doctors and hospitals

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	6.4%	21.5%	3.9%	1.2%
Agree	29.2%	39.3%	32.9%	11.3%
Neutral	15.7%	12.5%	16.7%	13.7%
Disagree	30.2%	12.5%	33.4%	27.7%
Strongly disagree	13.6%	8.6%	11.0%	15.3%
Not applicable	4.8%	5.0%	2.0%	30.9%

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c. Paying more in taxes to have basic health insurance coverage for all

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	26.2%	21.5%	7.0%	9.7%
Agree	36.9%	39.3%	32.9%	27.9%
Neutral	10.5%	12.5%	20.5%	9.1%
Disagree	11.5%	12.5%	25.7%	11.9%
Strongly disagree	11.3%	8.6%	11.6%	11.9%
Not applicable	3.7%	5.0%	2.4%	29.5%

d. Expanding federal programs to cover more people, but provide fewer services to persons currently covered by those programs.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	3.3%	3.6%	2.2%	1.4%
Agree	13.7%	13.9%	19.9%	6.5%
Neutral	16.9%	16.2%	24.4%	10.3%
Disagree	38.9%	34.5%	38.0%	32.3%
Strongly disagree	22.4%	21.4%	13.4%	19.2%
Not applicable	4.9%	10.4%	2.0%	30.3%

e. Limiting coverage for certain end-of-life care services of questionable value in order to provide more at-home and comfort care for the dying.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	23.6%	20.8%	16.0%	9.5%
Agree	35.8%	34.6%	37.8%	25.7%
Neutral	16.6%	15.6%	21.0%	15.1%
Disagree	11.1%	10.8%	15.6%	8.3%
Strongly disagree	8.3%	10.0%	7.4%	10.1%
Not applicable	4.5%	8.2%	2.3%	31.3%

12. There are different ways to assure coverage for all Americans. Remembering that we all pay for the cost of health care through insurance premiums, taxes, or consumer prices, how much do you agree or disagree with the following options?

a. Offer uninsured Americans income tax deductions, credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	12.3%	8.3%	7.9%	6.0%
Agree	29.7%	32.0%	41.5%	20.2%
Neutral	13.6%	12.2%	17.2%	11.7%
Disagree	23.9%	23.7%	23.2%	45.0%
Strongly disagree	16.9%	15.1%	8.1%	14.7%
Not applicable	3.6%	8.7%	2.3%	2.6%

*Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

b. Expand state government programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for more people without health insurance.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	23.8%	21.5%	10.5%	16.0%
Agree	43.9%	46.0%	46.6%	55.0%
Neutral	12.0%	10.8%	17.6%	17.4%
Disagree	10.8%	10.0%	18.5%	5.5%
Strongly disagree	6.4%	3.3%	4.5%	2.6%
Not applicable	3.2%	8.4%	2.2%	3.6%

c. Rely on free market competition among doctors, hospitals, other health care providers and insurance companies, rather than having government define benefits and set prices.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	10.1%	5.0%	6.5%	4.4%
Agree	13.0%	15.3%	23.5%	10.5%
Neutral	14.1%	14.0%	25.5%	11.5%
Disagree	25.8%	29.3%	28.3%	28.1%
Strongly disagree	33.7%	28.0%	13.8%	42.0%
Not applicable	3.2%	8.3%	2.3%	3.6%

d. Open up enrollment in national federal programs like Medicare or the federal employees' health benefit program.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	24.2%	20.9%	7.5%	18.8%
Agree	40.1%	40.6%	39.1%	58.4%
Neutral	19.2%	19.3%	32.6%	12.9%
Disagree	7.8%	8.1%	13.5%	5.0%
Strongly disagree	5.8%	2.5%	4.7%	1.4%
Not applicable	3.0%	8.6%	2.6%	3.6%

e. Require businesses to offer health insurance to their employees.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	23.3%	20.0%	17.2%	29.3%
Agree	32.3%	37.0%	46.3%	52.9%
Neutral	17.5%	17.3%	17.7%	8.9%
Disagree	13.6%	12.5%	11.7%	2.6%
Strongly disagree	9.9%	4.8%	4.9%	1.6%
Not applicable	3.3%	8.4%	2.3%	4.8%

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f. Expand neighborhood health clinics.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	27.2%	25.1%	12.3%	19.8%
Agree	45.9%	48.7%	50.4%	51.7%
Neutral	18.1%	14.2%	26.3%	23.0%
Disagree	3.6%	2.3%	8.0%	1.6%
Strongly disagree	2.0%	1.6%	0.8%	0.4%
Not applicable	3.2%	8.1%	2.2%	3.6%

g. Create a national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their health insurance.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	47.5%	41.3%	16.3%	55.1%
Agree	22.8%	26.8%	30.3%	25.0%
Neutral	10.1%	12.5%	23.2%	7.5%
Disagree	7.0%	6.7%	16.4%	4.8%
Strongly disagree	10.2%	6.2%	10.4%	4.8%
Not applicable	2.3%	6.4%	3.3%	3.0%

h. Require that all Americans enroll in basic health care coverage, either private or public.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	19.2%	20.8%	12.0%	11.1%
Agree	28.0%	28.7%	40.9%	21.4%
Neutral	21.4%	22.2%	22.8%	16.4%
Disagree	16.0%	13.3%	15.3%	35.4%
Strongly disagree	11.7%	6.2%	5.8%	11.3%
Not applicable	3.9%	8.9%	3.2%	4.2%

i. Increase flexibility given states in how they use federal funds (such as Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program) to maximize coverage.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	15.6%	15.9%	9.7%	7.7%
Agree	39.3%	40.1%	44.6%	24.0%
Neutral	23.4%	17.8%	28.4%	19.8%
Disagree	11.5%	10.8%	10.5%	34.1%
Strongly disagree	6.8%	7.5%	3.4%	10.3%
Not applicable	3.5%	8.0%	2.9%	4.2%

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j. Expand current tax incentives available to employers and their employees to encourage them to offer insurance to more workers and their families.

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Strongly agree	26.7%	23.4%	23.2%	20.0%
Agree	42.5%	43.4%	57.7%	25.7%
Neutral	13.0%	11.2%	12.1%	11.7%
Disagree	8.3%	8.1%	3.2%	30.9%
Strongly disagree	6.1%	6.6%	0.9%	7.9%
Not applicable	3.5%	7.3%	2.9%	3.8%

We have a few final questions just to help us better understand who our respondents are.

13. Are you male or female?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Male	36.0%	27.0%	17.8%	52.9%
Female	61.7%	69.6%	80.5%	44.4%
Decline to answer/No response	2.3%	3.4%	1.7%	2.8%

14. How old are you?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Under 25	3.2%	3.9%	2.7%	0.0%
25 to 44	27.7%	15.8%	36.2%	18.0%
45 to 64	54.5%	45.25%	55.8%	71.3%
65 and over	12.3%	31.5%	3.2%	7.9%
Decline to answer	2.3%	4.0%	2.0%	2.8%

15. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Yes	2.7%	4.5%	1.2%	3.6%
No	90.0%	88.1%	93.6%	84.8%
Decline to answer/No response	7.3%	7.2%	5.2%	10.5%

16. Which of these groups best represents your race?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
White	84.1%	82.0%	92.4%	74.7%
Black or African American	2.2%	6.1%	0.5%	4.4%
Asian	1.0%	0.6%	0.8%	0.8%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.9%	0.2%	1.0%
Other	1.8%	1.7%	0.5%	2.8%
2 or more of the above	1.7%	2.0%	0.4%	3.0%
Decline to answer/no response	8.6%	6.7%	5.0%	13.3%

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17. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Elementary (grades 1 to 8) or less	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0%
Some high school	0.4%	1.4%	0.2%	0.2%
High school graduate or GED	6.1%	8.7%	11.5%	13.9%
Some college	17.7%	14.5%	21.0%	37.6%
Associate Degree	8.5%	8.9%	18.1%	14.5%
Bachelor's Degree	29.3%	24.2%	28.4%	21.8%
Graduate degree	35.7%	37.9%	18.7%	9.5%
Decline to answer/no response	2.3%	3.0%	2.3%	2.6%

18. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare or Medicaid?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Yes	91.1%	90.3%	96.3%	95.3%
No	7.7%	6.6%	3.0%	3.4%
Not sure/no response	1.3%	3.1%	0.7%	1.4%

19. Have you attended any community meetings on the American health care system?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Yes	22.9%	45.9%	14.3%	17.6%
No	75.7%	50.9%	85.4%	80.6%
Not sure/no response	1.4%	3.3%	0.4%	1.6%

20. Have you participated in any web casts on the American health care system?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Yes	9.9%	7.6%	5.8%	12.9%
No	87.9%	75.7%	93.0%	85.4%
Not sure/no response	2.2%	16.7%	1.3%	1.8%

21. Have you read The Health Report to the American People and other material available on our web site?

	Total Poll responses	Paper Polls	CHA	CWA
Yes	21.1%	13.9%	9.1%	19.8%
No	76.8%	69.3%	90.0%	78.2%
Not sure/no response	2.1%	16.9%	0.9%	2.0%

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